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Students form ADR group

Bob Smith slated as advisor; speakers scheduled

By Sean Denniston
1L Contributor

Upon return from the December break our boxes were filled with the latest edition of the *Boston College Law School Magazine* with its theme "The Future of Dispute Resolution." While BCLS has a strong reputation for advocacy training and clinical programs, the emerging field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) remains relatively unknown to most BCLS students. While many students have heard the term "ADR," and may have a passing familiarity with local ADR programs at Boston University and Harvard, or have heard of mediation firms such as Endispute, the tenets of ADR and its non-traditional, non-adversarial approaches to problem solving remain unknown to most students.

Four 1Ls have formed an ADR group at BCLS in response to increasing importance in the legal field and a desire that practice of dispute resolution shouldn't only center on the once-a-year Negotiation and Client Counseling Competitions. While the group will not receive formal funding from the school for a year, it has drafted a constitution, found a faculty advisor in Associate Professor Bob Smith, and has held several planning sessions and a school-wide informational meeting. The ADR group is now ready to "go public."

The "founders," Susan C. Schwartz, Bill Stassen, Thia Howard and Sean Denniston, had pre-law-school experience in ADR that included work for the mediation firm Endispute, divorce mediation in Virginia, mediation between business and consumers in the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, and Community Rela-



Three of group's four founders; Howard, Denniston and Stassen.

tions for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project. The challenge for the group is to develop ways not only to practice ADR skills but also to find opportunities to observe practical application of ADR, and to obtain further training and certification.

In order to offer the BCLS community the most current information and developments in ADR, the group has developed three goals for the next year: dissemination on the various roles of ADR in many legal and non-legal fields; application and training needed for successful practice of ADR; and internships and job placement within the ADR field.

A list of "brown bag" speakers have been scheduled for the second semester. Speakers will focus on different aspects of ADR in topics as varied as international mediation, the environment, gay rights and opportunities in the field.

The group hopes to arrange observa-

tion of the practical uses of ADR. As envisioned, small groups will observe sessions between parties and mediators at local ADR firms, courthouses and government offices in areas of individual interest. The growth of ADR has made training and certification more important for practice and job placement in the field.

A longer-term goal of the ADR group is, with the assistance of Career Services, to arrange internships with local ADR practitioners. The goal is not only to offer BCLS students practical experience and exposure to the emerging ADR field, but to offer local firms and practitioners often needed support services.

The group welcomes questions on its purpose or ADR in general, and seeks interested members from all classes, not just 1Ls. Questions should be directed to the Boston College ADR Group, care of Susan C. Schwartz (1L).

Concern up in tight job market

By Julie Schwartz
2L Contributor

While it may seem like a while ago now, on December 1, 1993 an important and informative town meeting occurred in room 411. The focus of the meeting was the distressing legal job market. The speakers included Dean Aviam Soifer, Dean Lisa DiLuna, Dean Brian Lutch, Jean French, Linda Mallach, Father James Malley, and Cathy Dernoncourt.

Dean Soifer opened the meeting, with heartening words. Immediately addressing the core of post-on-campus job search angst, Soifer declared that 90-99% of open legal career jobs are found "outside" of the fall on-campus interviewing process. Rather, he said, most job searching happens in Spring. It is then that public interest employers and smaller private law firms are attuned to what they will need for the coming summer. Soifer also spoke of the opportunities afforded by judicial clerkships on the state and federal levels.

Soifer not only cited the "facts," but he also spoke of what he himself is doing to facilitate job searches in this particularly depressed market. First, he is in the process of installing a long distance telephone line that will be made available to students. With this line, students will have the opportunity to explore career options outside of Boston, without worrying about the expense.

Secondly, Soifer indicated that he has been attending many 8 a.m. breakfast meetings downtown, with alumni and other interested members of firms. Through this early morning conversation he spreads the word about BCLS, and he also brainstorms with other lawyers as to innovative ways to tap the market.

Soifer sees the alumni network as a promising way to tackle the tight legal market. Devoted to the school, many BCLS alums are involved in funding fellowships and in setting up loan forgiveness programs. In addition, at a recent alumni retreat, plans for an alumni mentoring pro-

gram were discussed. In the proposed program, an alumni/mentor would be matched up with a student who shares an interest in the mentor's type of law practice. The alumni would then take an active role in helping the individual student search for a job in this particular job area.

After listing other programs which he and the administration hope to expand (like new internship and externship opportunities which may lead to jobs), Soifer stated that the administration is concerned about the job market and is looking to better the situation. "There is no complacency here," Soifer declared.

Cathy Dernoncourt, Director of Alumni Relations, spoke next. Optimistically, she spoke of the commitment of the alumni in aiding students with their respective job searches. According to Dernoncourt, the many BCLS chapters around the country are filled with BCLS alumni volunteers, asking, "How can we help students?"

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COMMENT

MLK Day has vital message for all

By David E. Danner
3L Contributor

The Martin Luther King Holiday is a grand celebration of American democracy. The tumultuousness of the annual demonstrations between King supporters and the Ku Klux Klan may seem disturbing, but such dynamic intellectual rivalry is what democracy is all about. Democracy is not for the faint of heart. Martin King devoted his life to securing the dynamism of democracy to African-Americans as well as all Americans.

Martin King should be remembered not just as an activist, but as a person who spurred the evolution of American democracy from race-consciousness to color blindness, and a person who averted a second civil war with the political philosophy of non-violent action.

Martin Luther King is the belated Founding Father. Martin King made American constitutional democracy more perfect. Considering the centuries of de-

humanizing slavery on American soil, the horrors of the Civil War and the years of racial turbulence and misunderstanding, the societal transformation led by Martin King was an achievement as monumental as the adoption of the Constitution itself.

Race was the first among other issues that could have caused the Constitutional Convention of 1787 to hopelessly break down. The southern states wanted slavery protected to suit their agricultural economy while the northern states wanted slavery limited to suit their emerging industrial economy. There was however general agreement that persons of African descent were inherently inferior and were not worthy of the enlightened democracy about to be created.

Martin King changed American society fundamentally by eradicating the tacit understanding that American democracy is only for people of a certain hue. The Fourteenth Amendment (1868), which mandated political equality for all persons, changed the American Constitution

and thus nullified the original intent of the Founding Fathers on the race issue, but Martin King nevertheless had to change American culture. King used love and non-violence to persuade America that persons should not be judged on skin color, but on deeds, something which the Fourteenth Amendment alone did not achieve.

Martin King prevented the racial balkanization of the United States with the philosophy of non-violence. We take for granted that African-Americans reached first-class citizenship without a second civil war—a race war. During the 1960s, FBI agents and the Black Panthers engaged in fire fights across the country; the Organization of Afro-American Unity, led by Malcolm X, and the American Nazi Party, led by Lincoln Rockwell, threatened each other with guerrilla action and both organizations had the trained personnel to carry out these threats; and the KKK committed many political assassinations. Regardless of these potential sparks of

war, King's non-violent philosophy remained the heart of the CRM.

When King used love and non-violence to change America, he was preserving and strengthening American society.

The Holiday is not a celebration for African-Americans only, but a celebration of freedom for all Americans.

Unfortunately, King's legacy has been perceived as partisan because President Lyndon Johnson combined Federal Civil Rights enforcement policies with Federal Welfare programs under the umbrella of The Great Society. There is no real correlation between African-American progress and big government, however. All Americans should enthusiastically celebrate the King Holiday—a celebration of freedom and democracy—without being divided by the politics of government.

King's contributions led to intolerance of discrimination regardless of source or supposed justifications.

Martin Luther King deserves a place on Mt. Rushmore.

Tenacious Ashby center of attention

By Steven Davis
1L Staff Writer

If you are a college basketball fan, or like happy endings, please read on, because the story I have to tell reads like a Frank Capra script, but it's all true. This story is the story of Rodney Ashby, a 1989 graduate of my small Virginia high school and now starting center of the Virginia Commonwealth University men's basketball team.

Rodney was not good at most everything he tried in high school. He was an average student. He suffered ridicule daily, the result of his clumsiness and awkward presence—a 6'2" bulbous body, topped by scraggly black hair, and accompanied by a squeaky, shrill voice. His nickname was "Pudding Pants"—the result of an unfortunate bathroom accident that occurred in the seventh grade.

His love was always basketball, maybe because he was always a little taller than most. He played on my recreation league

team, and was always criticized for being "soft" and unassertive for as big as he was.

He made the high school basketball team when he was a senior, largely in gratitude for being the team's equipment manager for three years, and was the last man on the team.

Rodney graduated high school in June of 1989 and took a job at Champs Sports store in the local mall, where he stuffed his gawky frame into a ridiculous looking referee's uniform to sell various team wares. Rodney sprouted another five inches over the next year. And he kept playing basketball. He would disappear at nights and on days off, usually going to the toughest (no blood, no foul) courts he could find around home—the Lee Park courts in Petersburg, Virginia.

The pounds came off, and toughness and resolve bloomed inside. A year after graduation, Rodney was now 6'8" and 235 lbs. of sinew, bone and an elbow in your face just for smiling.

He went to the local junior college,

Richard Bland College, that fall. As a player there, he averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds a game across their season. The local sportswriters expressed shock and

disbelief when Rodney said he thought he could play Division I college basketball—not enough shooting touch and too slow, they said. They were shocked further still when VCU Rams head coach Sonny Smith offered him a scholarship to come up the road and play for his team in Richmond.

The local sportswriters were kind compared to what the Richmond Times-Dispatch sportswriters had to say about signing Ashby. Waste of a scholarship. Couldn't find anyone else. Limited ability. Practice player.

Rodney was red-shirted that first year to work on his shooting and bulk up more. The next year (last year), Rodney, still just a college sophomore in eligibility terms, played a handful of minutes and was mainly relegated to towel waving and cheering the efforts of his teammates.

Rodney was headed for the bench this year again, sitting behind a capable 6'10" senior center from Europe, and a well-regarded freshman prospect. When, however, the senior left for playing professionally in Europe and the freshman was felled by injury for the season, the job fell to the 6'9" local boy. The Richmond sportswriters gasped—what a shame, they said, this team could have been really good.

By the end of December, Rodney had completed an unspectacular and unnoticed month and a half as starting center for VCU, where everyone plays in the shadow of Richmond native All-American Kendrick Warren, a sleek 6'9" forward with polished post moves and amazing leaping ability. Rodney had averaged six points and four rebounds a game over those first few games—hustling, shoving and performing his labor of love—playing basketball.

VCU's Metro Conference opener was on the road in Freedom Hall against the #11-ranked Louisville Cardinals Saturday, January 8th. The heralded matchup

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was that of Kendrick Warren against Louisville standout Cliff Rozier. While Warren was the player Louisville prepared for, they should have devoted some attention to Rodney Ashby, who before that game, even for all of his effort, was a household name in only the Ashby home.

Rodney slammed home VCU's first two points, and pumped in 22 more after those two, including six in overtime. He grabbed 13 rebounds.

He hustled the whole game, beating tired opponents down the floor. He played all but a couple of minutes of a track meet of a basketball game—a 93-89 VCU upset of Louisville.

The newspapers praised his play. He was listed on the Sportscenter box score of that game. Everyone wondered where the performance came from. After all, this was not "Rudy," a fighter of a kid who walks on to a big time college football team and plays a handful of seconds at the end of a meaningless game. This was a no-name, fighter of a kid who got a chance to show he could play, proved that he could, and by the end of an important college basketball clash had his teammates looking to get him the ball at crunch time.

"Don't you wish college athletics were more like this..." columns are a dime a dozen, and a thousand similar stories have gone before, but this is another special someone who, while lacking natural ability, got what he wanted through hard work and discipline and deserves to be praised. If you don't catch a VCU game during the year, don't worry. You'll probably be seeing "Pudding Pants" and his teammates in the NCAA Tournament in March. He's the big, quiet, mean guy starting in the middle.

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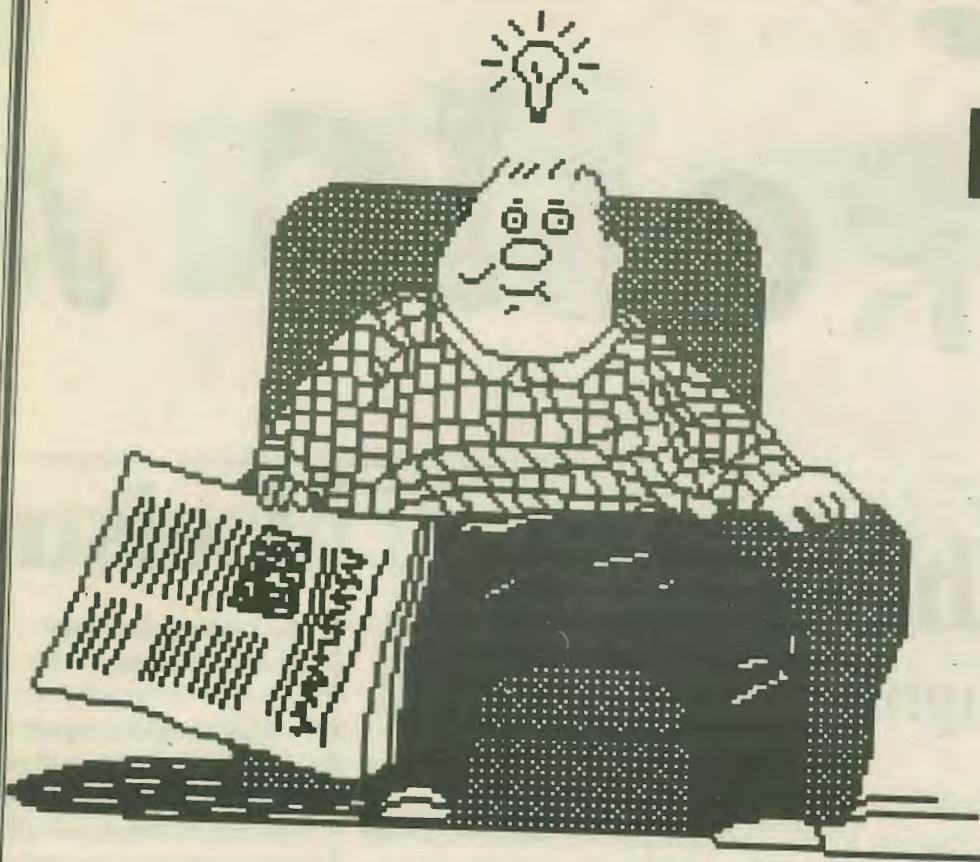
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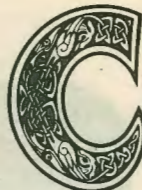
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BAR REVIEW



Are you a law school boor?

Manners tested in fun but highly revealing quiz

By Alexis Shapiro
2L Staff Writer

Plagued by how to behave in law school? Unsure of what to do in the library? You're not alone. Pay attention: Law school etiquette can help you make friends and influence people (although why you would care to is a question this quiz won't answer).

- 1. You are unprepared for class and are called upon to recite the facts of the case. You:**
 - a. Pass.
 - b. Answer the best you can, vowing to come to class prepared for the rest of term.
 - c. Duck down in your seat and pretend not to be in class. What 2Ls from §1 call pulling a Mike Jacobson—if you see him, ask him about it.
 - d. Didn't go to class. Class is a waste of time. You'll just read *Gilbert's* and still get a B.
- 2. It's bar review. You:**
 - a. Get really drunk and make a fool of yourself.
 - b. Don't go. After all, you spend all your time at law school, the last thing you want to do is drink with these people.
 - c. Drink one beer and talk about contracts.
 - d. Don't drink but find someone who is and give them your tickets so they can get drunk and make a fool of themselves.
- 3. You've written a great outline. You:**
 - a. Hand it out freely.
 - b. Hand it out freely. However, not before changing it so that it's not very accurate.
 - c. Don't share it, not even with your study group. Hell, they're holding you back.
 - d. Get a better one from someone on law review. You can never have enough outlines.
- 4. Class is over. You:**
 - a. Stop at your mailbox and quickly get your mail before going to the library.
 - b. Stop at the mailboxes. You're trying to get a record number of people in the smallest space. After all, you can put that on your resume.
 - c. Rush to the front of the class to ask the professor some stupid question and gain brownie points.
 - d. Head for the snack bar. You have three hours to waste before your next class.
- 5. You head for the third floor of the library. You:**

- a. Plan to study.
 - b. Plan to study and socialize.
 - c. Plan to find a green chair and take a nap.
 - d. Plan to socialize and if no one is around take a nap.
- 6. You can't take an exam because you haven't studied. You:**
 - a. Go to the Dean and cry.
 - b. Go to the Dean and cry.
 - c. Go to the Dean and cry.
 - 7. You're talking in the library and someone asks you to be quiet. You:**
 - a. Ignore them.
 - b. You would never be talking in the library.
 - c. Apologize and stop talking.
 - d. Apologize, laugh and keep on talking.
 - 8. It's Thursday night, 9 p.m. You:**
 - a. Study.
 - b. Stay home so you can watch *Seinfeld*.
 - c. Head to the student lounge so you can watch *Seinfeld*.
 - d. Head to a bar so you can drink and watch *Seinfeld*.

Answer True or False to the following questions.

- 9. You hook up with a fellow law student and never speak to them again.**
- 10. You're trying to get from the second floor of the library to the third and you hear someone coming down the stairs. You don't wait, if you both turn sideways you can get by.**
- 11. You're in line at the cafeteria (forget it; there is nothing funny about the lines in the cafeteria or the food).**
- 12. You're in the cafeteria, you've gotten your food, but you eat it before you get to the cash register.**
- 13. You're a 1L and you can talk about something other than law school.**
- 14. You always use a no-spill container in the library.**
- 15. You have a job.**

You're a professor and...

- 16. You're writing an exam. You:**
 - a. Use an old exam which hasn't been published in the exam books found in the library.
 - b. Use an old exam which has been published in the exam books, but you change the names of the individuals in the fact pattern.
 - c. Take problems from the textbook which students would have seen if they had done the reading.
 - d. You sit down, spend some time and write new exam questions which will challenge your students.
- 17. You're a professor who likes class**

participation. When you ask a question you:

- a. Ignore student's who always raise their hand; they just like to hear themselves speak.
- b. Call on students who refuse to make eye contact with you.
- c. Believe in the Socratic method because you like to see student's sweat.
- d. Believe in the Socratic method of teaching but start at the *Top* of the alphabet and work your way down your student list. (Tip: if you believe in the Socratic method of teaching, this is the way to go. It has nothing to do with this writers last name.)

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| 10. | True=1 | False=2 | | |
| 11. | If you find something funny about the cafeteria, 50 pts. | | | |
| 12. | True=2 | False=1 | | |
| 13. | True=2 | False=1 | | |
| 14. | True=2 | False=1 | | |
| 15. | If true give yourself 100 pts. | | | |
| 16. | a=3 | b=1 | c=2 | d=4 |
| 17. | a=3 | b=4 | c=1 | d=2 |

WHAT YOUR SCORE MEANS

- 15 to 22 points:** Get yourself to Boston University Law School. You have the manners of Roseanne Barr and are the reason for so many lawyer jokes.
- 23 to 31 points:** You're in the top 5% of those taking the quiz. Enjoy the moment; it may be the only time in your law school career where you are at the top.
- 32 to 40 points:** You still retain part of your pre-law school personality. It's not too late unless you never had a personality to begin with.
- 41 or Over:** It's too late. You always know the right behavior no matter what situation arises. When the unexpected hits, you rise to the occasion. Library too hot (never), you pass out water in no-spill containers. Course over-registered (never, after all the administration would just move the course to a larger room), you drop it so your friends can get into the class.

Leisurely

By Anthony DePaolo
2L Contributor

Not to induce unpleasant flashbacks of spitballs, kickball, and pocket protectors (no, I'm not talking about the first year of law school), but do you all remember when you returned to elementary school after a long summer? You know, the first and last day of the year that you wore two matching socks (I know, speak for yourself)? It was a great day for the most part, as the desks were uncluttered, the weather was beautiful for the afternoon recess' mongo kickball game, and for some reason or other the girls got less and less unpleasant to be around. There was, however, one dreaded activity always earmarked for that day. You guessed it: the heinous "What I Did Over the Summer" English paper.

For myself, I couldn't remember (or I strategically suppressed) what I ate for breakfast that morning, let alone the entire summer. It was especially traumatic for me to

Country; r

Line dancing, Ga

By Larry Dobrow
2L Executive Editor

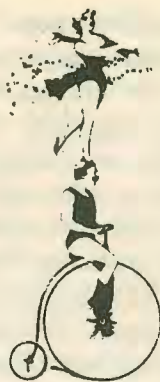
Everything that is wrong with the world today can be encapsulated in two little words: country music.

Sure, world hunger strikes me as somewhat of a troubling situation. AIDS, natural disasters, teenage pregnancy—problems that merit further attention, each and every one. And homelessness is a real bummer. But in my mind, the horrific nature of all of these combined doesn't match the force of evil unleashed when some shameless hussy wearing a hat that could double as a soup vat and please-don't-kick-me-in-the-crotch boots starts singing about her "Lassie From Tallahassee."

If new age music is the sonic equivalent of the wind blowing, then country music is the sonic equivalent of that wind rocking a porch swing back and forth at a steady cadence. And while I apologize for resorting to one of the common clichés about the alleged rural-area-only appeal of country music, it's impossible to deconstruct this popular scourge without lapsing into cliché. The fundamental unit of country music is the cliché; taking the cliché away from country music is like taking the drums away from rock and roll, or the elevator away from elevator music.

And yet, people—many of whom have been mentioned in the same sentence with the words "worldly" and "intelligent"—can't get enough of it.

Maybe it's me. Maybe I'm just not sufficiently in touch with my inner child to



y break elicits a long list of non-activity

recall my summer because after my 5th and 6th grade school years, my father would exile my mother, my younger brother and myself to a summer at the Cape house, with no friends and very little to do. I cannot think of a more evil thing to do than wait until the summer to remove a 5th grader from his or her best friends for a couple of months, except maybe to test an entire semester's worth of material in a three-hour test (but no one would think of doing that).

You may be thinking to yourself—something we encourage you to do during your stay at the Hotel BCLS—"What does this have to do with Boston and law school in the winter of 1994?" (If you weren't thinking that thought to yourself previously, don't worry. I just involuntarily forced that thought into your head. Feel free to continue reading). Well, we aren't back from summer vacation, but we are back from winter vacation. I guess I could have written an

article about what I did over the summer earlier in the school year, but after giving about 1500 oral versions of my summer activities to strangers in small rooms wearing dark suits last September, I kinda got sick of the idea. Sooooo, I thought I'd write an article about my recent winter vacation. There is, however, a twist. Instead of following the general formula and writing about what I did over the break, I will genetically alter my account of my activities of the previous weeks. It shall be called: *What I Didn't Do Over My Winter Vacation*.

I didn't:

- Wake up before the crack of noon.
- Play Sega hockey for any less than 2 hours a day.
- Eat fruitcake.
- Pay for a meal (thanks Mom and Dad).
- Accept an offer to take out the knee of a figure skater.
- See the Celtics win a home game.
- See the Whalers lose a home game. (I

- only saw one game).
- Invest in a dubious real estate deal in northern Arkansas.
- Miss the 2:30 A.M. Sportcenter.
- See the UConn Huskies lose a men's basketball game to BC (yes!!!).
- Get nominated for that Secretary of Defense job, despite the fact I changed my name to Billy Ray DePaolo.
- Get a summer job.
- Forget to perform the annual ritual of "Poof-kitty," which involves 1) waiting for the first significant snowfall, 2) finding the largest available snowdrift outside the house, and 3) throwing the cat as high in the air as possible while aiming for the snowdrift, thus creating a large "poof!" (ASPCA members: my phone number has been changed to an unlisted number).
- Think of anything interesting to write about in the next issue of the *Alledger*.
- Feel hungry after dining at Sally's pizza in New Haven, CT—a must-do for everyone.

- Receive a Grammy nomination for "Best Fair Use of Holiday Music in a Legal Periodical." I'm as shocked as you.
- Log on to LEXIS, although I probably should have.
- Drink a half-yard of Guinness at Richter's in New Haven. I only had time for a pint.
- Run naked around my block on New Year's Eve. (I was wearing shoes).
- Wake up the next morning with a hang-over. (I didn't wake up until the afternoon).
- Receive my winner's check for the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, despite the fact I may have already won.
- Mind the fact that Lou Holtz didn't win the national championship. (relax, Ed—there's nothing you and your legion of ND lunatics can do about it now).
- Fail to have a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas with my family and friends.
- Well, I'm sure there are lots of other things I didn't do, but I'll leave them out to protect the innocent (Tonya Harding notwithstanding).

mundane, yet stupid Garth epitomize planet's faults

understand the elusive yet simple-minded appeal of lyrics like, "First she took my heart/Then she took my livestock/Our ol' pig Nellie/Sure tastes good over rice" (from the Dobrow-Cohen collaboration "Country Heart," copies of which are available by putting five bucks in my mailbox).

Or maybe it just sucks.

I mean, as far as I'm concerned, rap doesn't count as music, either—if I'm really overcome by the urge to hear somebody trumpeting his or her own particular baaaaadness to the accompaniment of a backbeat, I'll bring a drum machine to Professor Plater's class. But at least rap music is heavy on attitude, regardless of whether that attitude suggests that the listener should "smoke" some "Gs." (Can I talk the talk, or what? Damn, I'm white.)

Country music, on the other hand, suggests that the listener drive all night through the rain to bring his honey a cheese sandwich, then sob in eternal torment as he finds her popping some mattress springs with most of her bowling team. Whatever happened to the days when the lyrical content of country music was confined to whiskey-drinking and ass-kicking?

In a society so fearful of being labeled politically incorrect that cows are commonly referred to as "bovine-Americans," it makes perfect sense that the lower class pathos of country music has struck a chord. Country music is unambitious and unpretentious to the point of complete vacuity, and its most popular practitioners have names like "Garth" and "Wynonna." Losers near and far don't feel threatened by the ho-hum

appeal of such superfluous bumpkins.

Unlistenable though country music may be, it's a hell of a lot less silly than its cultural counterpart: country line dancing.

This I know from personal experience. Whether out of curiosity or due to the fact that my social life is essentially limited to scamming undergrad girls by intimating that I might potentially be willing to share with them the vast amounts of money I plan to make, I went country dancing.

Tucked safely into my strait jacket and accompanied by a crowd whose enthusiasm far exceeded their rhythmic ability, I headed down Route 128 in my tan '86 Ford Bronco (admittedly, the perfect car for a country music fan, save for the absence of a gun rack and spittoon). We stopped at a place called something like the Buffalo Scrotum Café, and were immediately regaled by the older crowd of what largely appeared to be escaped mental patients.

And oh!, the dancing. As best as I could gather during my ten minutes on the floor, the object of line dancing appears to be to step to the left, then to the right, then to kick your partner in the shins hard enough to cause a hematoma. It's about as romantic and sensual as an appendectomy.

On the other hand, their drinks were less watered down than any other place I've yet to encounter in this great state of Massachusetts. So the evening wasn't as complete a loss as it might have been. Plus, I didn't piss off any rednecks.

And I only heard "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" twice. Guess I don't have enough friends in low places.

NCAA ball provides good squirrel relief

By Jay Talerman
3L Executive Editor

My days revolve around activities that I publicly term as worthwhile and forward-looking, but privately regard as work, and intellectually consider to be the type of trivia that is dragging mankind into the abyss of trivial subsistence. Besides the required reading for Con Law II and the endless driveway shoveling, the only meaningful activity that occupies my daytime hours is the regular and necessary pellet-gunning of the indigenous squirrels that seek to fatten themselves at the expense of my backyard bird feeders. Though death be not proud, I have termed the unfortunate casualties as "acceptable losses." We have recently attracted a pair of *Red Breasted Nuthatches* that just make the whole murder thing worthwhile.

My nights are another story. Though it took me a full third of my Christmas break to find a quality bag of dope, I eventually hooked up, hurried home, flicked on the cable, and officially commenced my annual NCAA hoop habit. This is an interesting season for college hoops because the pool has been seriously weakened by the considerable underclassman talent that was lost to last year's NBA draft. Very few teams have the multiple star power to qualify as clear favorites. Georgia Tech is an exception but the mood swings of Bobby Cremins are contagious and his team's performance has already resembled the same lack of consistency that is displayed by the EKG of my fat uncle Saul after his yearly visit to the cardiologist's treadmill.

Instead, a few scattered personalities have risen to the surface. While none of these players have the inherent ability to provide their team with an extended stay at number one, they make my altered states that much more enjoyable. I couldn't even begin to pick a final four, though I hear that the Psychic Friends Network is laying even money on Kentucky. Rather, the best I can muster at this juncture is an All-American team. Best to start at shooting guard, the single most erratic position on the floor. If things go well for a team, they enter the tournament with a hot Donald Williams or a Steve Alford, and if things go badly, you get dealt a cold-handed Jalen Rose or a Todd Day. This year, you could get either result with Florida State's Bobby Sura. The dude is butt-ugly but he can light it up, from anywhere, and lay on some "D" as well. At the point can be none other than Springfield native Travis Best. There simply hasn't been as explosive a prospect since Tim Hardaway. Besides all of the necessary point guard skills, Best has that rare selfish streak that allows him to take over from either the perimeter or via

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Career staff readies for spring job hunt

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Demoncourt urged student participation on two different levels. First, she suggested stopping by the Alumni Relations Office and sharing ideas regarding new ways to utilize the alumni system. Secondly, she encouraged students to see her about contacting those alumni who have already volunteered their services.

Jean French, director of career services, was the next to speak. She gave an overview of the present job market, and also suggested several key things to do in search of a job at this time.

French, like Soifer, immediately addressed the poor nature of the present legal market. She remarked how the past several on-campus interviewing programs were reflective of the recent changes in the legal market. Most noticeably, she stated, today there is an absence of smaller law firms involved in the process. Because the small law firm is where the majority of lawyers practice, this change represents a substantial shift in lawyer demographics, and a substantial loss of



Career services wants student input during placement process.

once-available jobs. French explained that with the tightening economy, many smaller law firms have closed their summer programs, have decided that they were no longer growing, and hence, have had no interest in on-campus interviewing.

Despite the reality that legal employers are no longer knocking on student's doors, French stated that there are jobs that can be found. The search most likely

will require a great deal of initiative.

French suggested several strategies to help you begin in your spring job search. First, take the time to ask yourself what area it is you want to (or think you want to) pursue. Once you focus in on a particular area, you can better develop a job search in that particular area. Secondly, network. This can include calling people you know or have been referred to in your field

of interest; volunteering at a place you may wish to work; obtaining a spring job (see the job board in the career office); attending alumni talks; calling a local bar association; or producing target mailings.

The last part of French's plan involves stopping by the career services office and making an appointment with either Jean, Linda or Nancy. While she expressed that the office cannot "get" you a job, it can be an invaluable source of job strategies and career counseling. "Don't just come in once," French urged. For the most effective career counseling, continuity is needed, and thus once-a-week visits are more helpful for the student.

The remainder of the meeting was filled with questions and answers relating to subjects from expanding the Urban Legal Laboratory Program, to the positive and negative effects of marketing by BCLS in promoting students to employers.

Both students and administration expressed their concerns regarding the other's role in the job search. Students felt that career services did not give them a reason to stop by the office. After on-campus, career services did not seem to provide anything tangible for them. The administration, on the other hand, stated that the fall on-campus program is only a small part of what services they can and do provide. They also underlined the fact that students expect career services to obtain a job for them. They said that career services has the energy, will and resources to assist students in finding jobs, but students must meet them half way. Accompanying this response, the career services office invited any student to make an appointment with them.

Basketball obsession not a problem

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penetration. Donyell Marshall should not only be a first team All-American, but should also be player of the year. He does so much more than Purdue's Glenn Robinson. Mr. Robinson is surely an All-American but he sometimes appears a bit too slovenly for big-time consideration. Don't get me wrong, I can fully relate to Glenn's propensity to glaze over and black out for an entire half or so, but that kinda shit don't go over too well in the third round of the tourney when Purdue is forced to face up against the likes of a blood-lusting UMass match-up zone. My center spot probably should be occupied by Eric Montross but Oklahoma State's Bryant Reeves is just too damn affable to leave off the team. His huge mass will guarantee success on the college level and his future as a career NBA back-up has garnered my sympathy. Where there is a Bryant Reeves, there is a mom who is uttering the words, "He is just big boned."

With twenty-five inches of snow on the ground and the winter's long dark nights, I have no guilty feelings about spending so much time attracting gamma rays from the fluorescent visage of John Saunders and Digger Phelps. My only concern is the irreparable damage that is being done to my peripheral vision. It's not my floor vision, or the potential inability to read my textbooks, but rather, the fear that the next squirrel might escape with all of the thistle.

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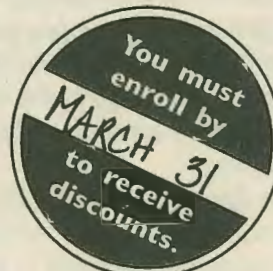
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Swim program builds skills, esteem

By Andrea Berkman
1L Staff Writer

On November 6, 1993, a few BCLS students observed the Easter Seals swimming program at the Brookline Municipal Pool. Easter Seals matches volunteers one-on-one with disabled children or adults who want to improve their physical condition, learn to swim and, most of all, enjoy being in the water. I have participated in the Easter Seals program both as a child and as an adult, and I can attest to the difference it makes in the lives of Easter Seals clients. The progress made by participants is evident both to them and to the volunteers.

Volunteers are asked to commit to work with the same participant for the duration of a ten week session. The time commitment is approximately two hours a week, one of which is spent in the water, and the other is spent in transportation. Volunteers teach basic swimming skills ranging from blowing bubbles and kicking to basic strokes depending upon the skills of the participants with whom they are matched. There is an Easter Seals instructor in the pool as well to assist volunteers who may find it difficult to explain something. No extraordinary skill as a swimmer or a swimming instructor is required of volunteers. Easter Seals instructors and participants can answer any questions that may arise.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the volunteer/participant relationship, friendship, has little or nothing to do with the specific skills taught. Volunteers form an on-going bond with the swimmers which allows them to gain the swimmer's trust in the water as well as on land. The greater the trust, the more rapidly swim-



Easter Seals volunteers form a bond with the swimmers while disabled persons enjoy the water.

mers progress. It should be noted however, that progress is individual and it can sometimes take weeks to acquire just one new skill. The friendship between volunteer and participant also provides much needed support and encouragement. The rewards of accomplishing something new can be as great for the volunteer as for the participant.

BCLS has made a commitment to Easter Seals in the past by holding a twenty-four hour softball marathon annually. The volunteer effort began as a way for students to see the results of their efforts and to continue to support a worthy cause such as the Easter Seals Society. The spring session begins in March and ends in the beginning of

May. It is hoped that a large number of BCLS students will be able to participate and share this rewarding experience. Those who are interested and would like more information about Easter Seals and the swimming program should contact first year student Andrea Berkman who will be more than happy to answer questions.

BC hockey set to return to upper crust

By Geoff Howell
1L Staff Writer

One of the most common questions asked around men's college ice hockey circles last season was, "What happened to Boston College?" The Eagles, six-time regular season champions in eight Hockey East campaigns, were a shadow of their former selves at 9-24-5. It was the worst season in the school's 71 years of intercollegiate competition.

"Quite simply what happened was that the coaching search took over a year and it hurt our recruiting," said second-year BC coach Steve Cedorchuk, who replaced the legendary Len Ceglarski on Feb. 25, 1992. Ceglarski had announced his impending retirement on March 20, 1991 prior to leading the Eagles to a 14-18-2 mark during his farewell tour.

"The program was in transition. We lost 15 guys to graduation, the pros and the Olympics (in 1991) and we didn't know who the coach was going to be," Cedorchuk said. "I pretty much knew what kind of situation it was going to be last year, and then (All-American goalie) Scott LaGrand turned pro and that really hurt."

Don't start crying for BC just yet. An outstanding recruiting year and improved play by the returning veterans had the Eagles at 9-9-1 at the season's midway point, including three losses to No. 2-ranked Boston University. Tri-captain Michael Spalla feels the team has finally turned the corner.

"We knew after (a 4-3 loss on Oct. 30) to Clarkson that we were already beyond

the point where we had finished last year," said Spalla, a gifted offensive defenseman and the team's fourth-leading scorer with 20 points through 19 games. "Even though we lost in overtime, the way we played with four freshmen defenseman and a freshman goalie, in their building, you could tell from our attitude and work that we'd have a pretty good team."

Even more impressive were subsequent wins over league rivals Providence, New Hampshire and Northeastern. The Eagles are at .500 with five freshmen and a sophomore joining Spalla in the defensive zone. Rookie goalie Greg Taylor (3.83 goals-against average, 88.4 save percentage) and his crop of young defenders have helped ease the blueline losses of Ian Moran to the U.S. Olympic team and Todd Hall to Providence via transfer.

"You can't get much younger than having five out of seven of the defensive guys in the lineup being freshman," the coach said. "We've made some mistakes back there, but we also feel we've definitely made some steps forward. It helped when we got (sophomore defenseman) Greg Callahan back in the lineup for the Denver Cup."

The Callahan family pretty much sums up the chemistry of BC as a whole. Greg, who missed first semester for disciplinary reasons, is part of the youthful defense. Oldest brother Jack (8 goals, 10 assists for 18 points), a tri-captain, is part of a physically imposing group of wingers that makes life miserable for opposing defenseman. And freshman Brian (8-8-16), a left wing, is part of the new breed of swifter, more

creative offensive players that Cedorchuk is trying to integrate into the lineup.

"Last year we were more defensive-minded," Spalla said. "This year we're much more creative and offensive-minded. A lot of it has to do with the way we trained in the off-season, working on our legs. That made us better skaters and we're playing with more confidence."

Besides the addition of the youngest Callahan and classmate Jeff Connolly (nine points in 12 games), juniors Jerry Buckley (12-9-21) and Ryan Haggerty (8-14-21) and sophomore David Hymovitz (13-8-21) have picked up the pace offensively. Adding punch are juniors Rob LaFerriere (7-4-11) and Rob Canavan (6-9-15), who Cedorchuk calls the team's unsung hero.

The best forward that B.C. doesn't have is Spalla, who spent much of last year at right wing and center for the goal-starved club.

"I had played forward as a sophomore and junior at (Wayzata, Mn.) high school but was recruited as a defenseman and played there my first couple of years here," Spalla said. "I prefer playing defense because you see the play develop better, you get to control things and pick your own spots."

It wasn't too long ago that a Minnesota native on the BC roster would have appeared very out of place. Ceglarski did almost all of his recruiting in the Boston area, but times have changed.

"We've had to expand our recruiting, although Boston will always be our base," Cedorchuk said. "With more Americans going to Canada to play Major Junior,

there are fewer great players available."

Taylor (Adrossan, Alberta), fellow goalie Josh Singewald (Lyme, Ct.) and Haggerty (Rye, N.Y.) are the only three non-Bay State natives on the roster besides Spalla. That group is likely to swell in coming seasons as U.Mass.-Amherst joins Hockey East and begins battling for the Boston-area recruits.

Spalla is in the spotlight at Kelley Rink as much as any Massachusetts native who ever skated for the Eagles. Either he or sophomore defenseman Tom Ashe is on the ice at all times, each logging 35-40 minutes per game as they take turns ushering the five freshmen into the world of college hockey.

"I love it. The more I play, the more I get into the game," Spalla said. "For the first couple of games I was getting tired, but I've gotten used to it. Both (Ashe) and I are pretty offensive type players and we've learned to pick our spots and conserve energy. We are very careful to monitor the length of our shifts."

Cedorchuk is more than appreciative of the effort he consistently gets from his ironman tri-captain.

"Spalla has really worked hard off the ice to get in great shape," the coach said. "He leads by example and he's a great student. He's not big (5-8, 175 pounds), but he's the kind of player any coach would love to have."

With Spalla comfortably back on the blueline and Cedorchuk snugly in place at the helm, Boston College hockey is looking forward to good times once again.

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